

HOUSE RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate National Vending Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the vending and convenience services industry in Tennessee generates an economic output of more than \$607 million and more than \$189 million in wages annually; and

WHEREAS, the vending industry has expanded in recent decades to include a wide array of convenience services and refreshments and has recently launched a national public health commitment; and

WHEREAS, the vending industry uses cutting edge technology to deliver innovative options to consumers; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the vending and convenience services industry served as an essential industry, providing food and beverages to fuel first responders and other critical industries; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proud of all the small business owners in this State who own vending companies; and

WHEREAS, the industry stands uniquely equipped to service food deserts and underserved communities throughout the nation through its supply chain, commissary, and unique "last-foot" distribution expertise; and

WHEREAS, the industry has committed to increase the percentage of healthier food and beverage options in the nation's vending machines to 33 percent by December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the National Automatic Merchandising Association has designated March 2, 2023, as "National Vending Day"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the

National Automatic Merchandising Association as they commemorate March 2, 2023, as "National Vending Day" in Tennessee to honor and celebrate the contributions of the vending and convenience services industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.